第127話 MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #7

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IT'S RAINING A LOT LATELY
UNSEASONABLY WET FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR
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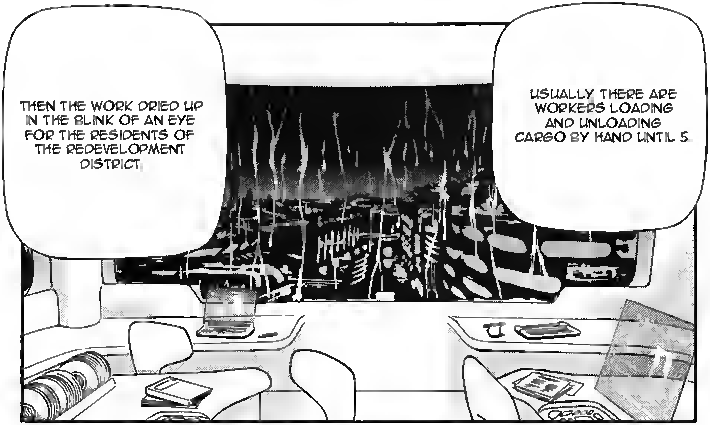
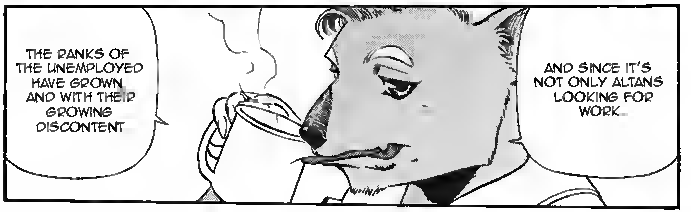
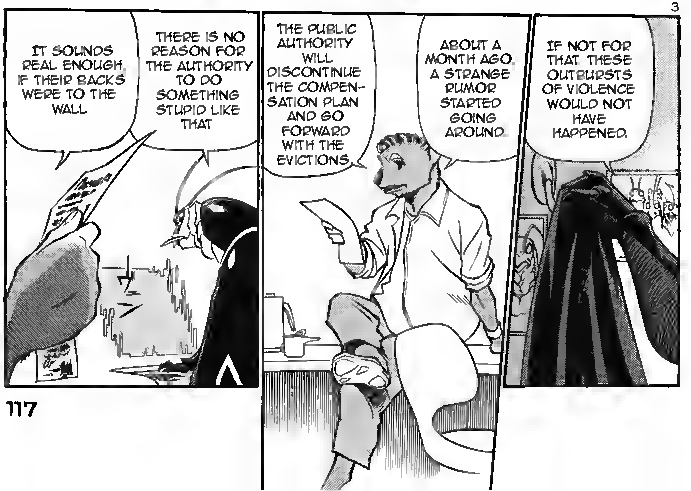
WASN'T THERE ALSO A LOT OF RAIN IN THE EARLY SPRING?
THAT WILL LEAD TO A POOR HARVEST FOR THE CAPITOL
FEDERATION POLICE HEADQUARTERS


THEN THE WORK DRIED UP IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.
USUALLY THERE ARE WORKERS LOADING AND UNLOADING CARGO BY HAND UNTIL 5.


THE RANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED HAVE GROWN AND WITH THEIR GROWING DISCONTENT
AND SINCE IT'S NOT ONLY ALTANS LOOKING FOR WORK...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IT SOUNDS REAL ENOUGH, IF THEIR BACKS WERE TO THE WALL.
THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE AUTHORITY TO DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THAT.
THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY WILL DISCONTINUE THE COMPENSATION PLAN AND GO FORWARD WITH THE EVICTIONS.
ABOUT A MONTH AGO, A STRANGE RUMOR STARTED GOING AROUND.
IF NOT FOR THAT, THESE OUTBURSTS OF VIOLENCE WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

WHAT TOOK SO LONG FOR THAT TO COME OUT?
IT'S THE METRO-POLITAN POLICE...
DAMN
THERE WAS SOMETHING
JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION, THIS GUY WAS IN AND OUT OF THE SCENE AS IF ON CUE
DID THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD STREET CAMERAS CATCH ANYTHING?
WHAT ABOUT THE BOMBING?
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CHIEF MEGIUS
DO YOU KNOW THE HEADMASTER OF THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL?
BUT THE METRO POLICE WANT TO HANDLE IT ALL ON THEIR OWN
YOU'D THINK THAT THEY WOULD SHARE THIS KIND OF INFORMATION
HE WAS CARRYING SOME-THING

A MESSAGE CAME IN
IT'S FROM CEPHON MILITARY POLICE INSTRUCTOR SKELETSO GA-DAEL
OH... PUT IT THROUGH
WHOA!
HE'S REALLY ANGRY NOW!
WHA!? WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE!?
IT'S THE INSPECTOR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UPSTAIRS!

5TH FLOOR
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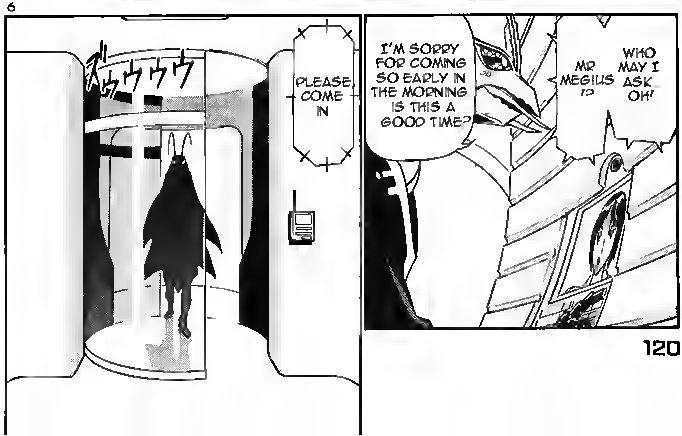
PLEASE COME IN
I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING IS THIS A GOOD TIME?
MR MEGIUS ?
WHO MAY I ASK
OH!

THIS IS UNEXPECTED WHAT'S WRONG?
MAY I HELP YOU?
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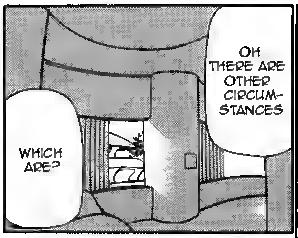
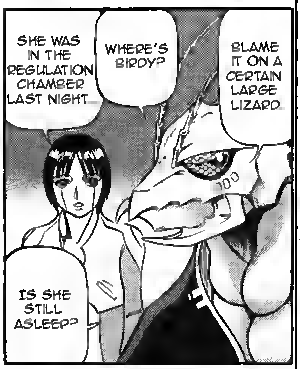
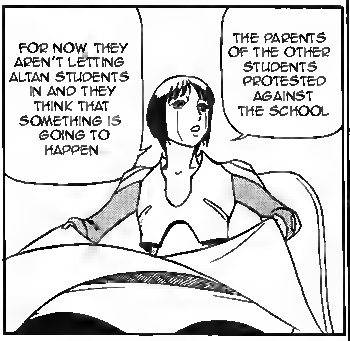
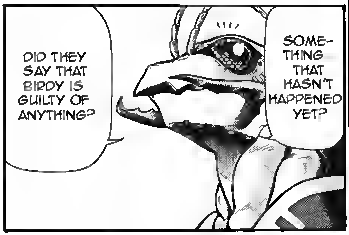

OH THERE ARE OTHER CIRCUM-STANCES
WHICH ARE?

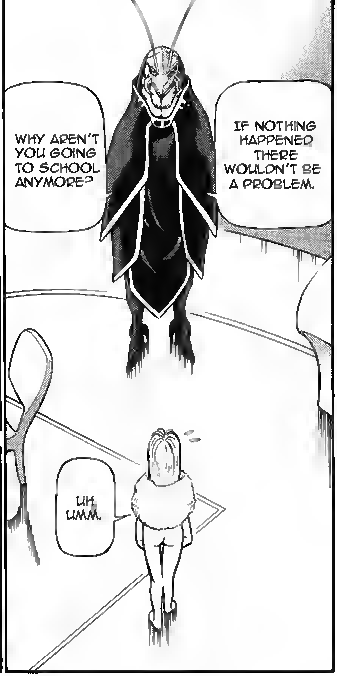

SHE WAS IN THE REGULATION CHAMBER LAST NIGHT
WHERE'S BIRDY?
BLAME IT ON A CERTAIN LARGE LIZARD
IS SHE STILL ASLEEP?

I RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER
IS IT TRUE THAT BIRDY ISN'T GOING TO SCHOOL?
THE HEAD-MASTER CONTACTED YOU!?

IT'S MEGIUS, RU MEGIUS
MEGI MESS...
OH! THE OSMOSIS FLUID ISN'T DRAINING...
VIOLIN
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
NOTH-ING
WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL?
WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEEDS TO BE CHECKED OUT
OH, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CIRCULATION SYSTEM ISN'T WORKING RIGHT...


FOR NOW THEY AREN'T LETTING ALIAN STUDENTS IN AND THEY THINK THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN
THE PARENTS OF THE OTHER STUDENTS PROTESTED AGAINST THE SCHOOL


DID THEY SAY THAT BIRDY IS GUILTY OF ANYTHING?
SOME-THING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET?


WHY AREN'T YOU GOING TO SCHOOL ANYMORE?
IF NOTHING HAPPENED THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
UH, UMM.

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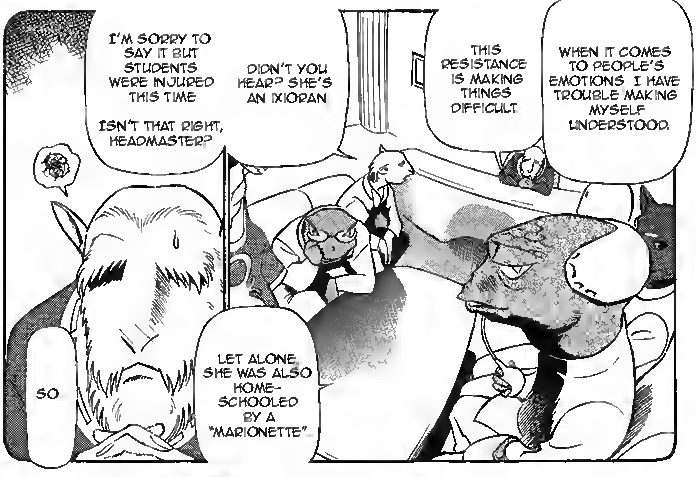
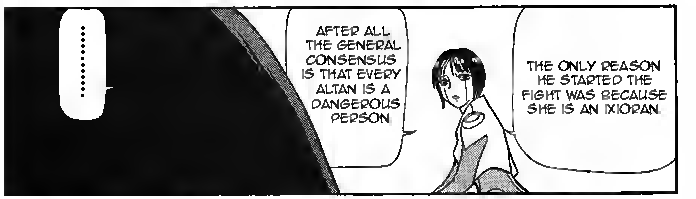
RIGHT, WHEN I DEFENDED HER
THAT OTHER MATTER?

BECAUSE BIRDY HASN'T ENCOUNTERED ANY OPPOSITION SINCE THEN
AFTER YOU MET WITH THE HEADMASTER, DID YOU HEAR OF ANY HARASSMENT?
THEIR FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS


I'M SORRY TO SAY IT BUT STUDENTS WERE INJURED THIS TIME
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HEADMASTER?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? SHE'S AN IXIOPAN
THIS RESISTANCE IS MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT
WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS I HAVE TROUBLE MAKING MYSELF UNDERSTOOD.
SO
LET ALONE SHE WAS ALSO HOME-SCHOOLED BY A "MARIONETTE"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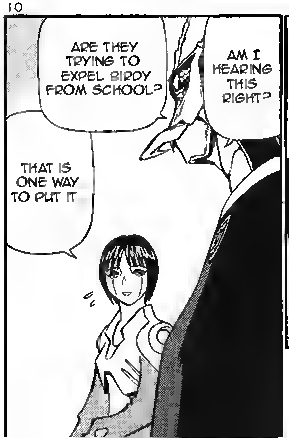
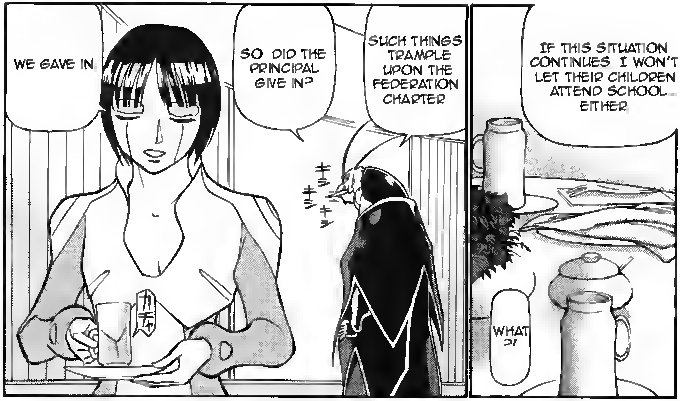
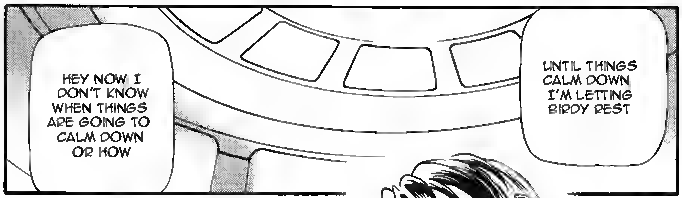
AFTER ALL THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT EVERY ALTAN IS A DANGEROUS PERSON
THE ONLY REASON HE STARTED THE FIGHT WAS BECAUSE SHE IS AN IXIOPAN


ARE THEY TRYING TO EXPEL BIDOY FROM SCHOOL?
AM I HEARING THIS RIGHT?
THAT IS ONE WAY TO PUT IT

ISN'T THAT WHAT THE HEADMASTER TOLD US?
"SO FAR MODIFIED ALTANS HAVEN'T CAUSED ANY INCIDENTS"


WE GAVE IN
SO DID THE PRINCIPAL GIVE IN?
SUCH THINGS TRAMPLE UPON THE FEDERATION CHARTER
IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES I WON'T LET THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL... EITHER
WHAT?!


HEY NOW I DON'T KNOW WHEN THINGS ARE GOING TO CALM DOWN OR HOW
UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN I'M LETTING BIRDY REST

IT'S POINTLESS TO MAKE ANY PROMISES
I CAN TRY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE EQUAL EDUCATION ACT
DID YOU THINK OF...

YOU ARE BRAVE, AREN'T YOU?
I'M NOT SUFFERING AT ALL
A SOUND ARGUMENT ANYTHING
WHAT TO DO AFTER THAT? EVENTUALLY IT'S BIRDY WHO WILL BEGIN TO SUFFER
OK
GET DRESSED IT'S TIME FOR BREAKFAST
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I'M JUST LETTING THINGS COOL DOWN FOR NOW
HARASSMENT IS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. DON'T LET IT BUILD UP
OH, NO THANK YOU
MR. MEGIUS HAVE YOU EATEN?
TEA THEN ?

VIO-
LIN
THAT BEING SAID, THIS REMAINS TO BE DEALT WITH
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IT CONCERNS YOU AND BIRDY
READ IT
THIS IS A MESS-AGE
YES?

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HE'S BEEN HERE MANY TIMES, HAVEN'T YOU MET HIM YET?
AN INSTRUCTOR POSITION OPENED UP IN CEPHON SKELETSO WON'T BE COMING BACK HERE
A POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM BIRDY'S SPONSOR?
IT CAME FROM SKELETSO

AFTER WHAT HAPPENED I WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE CARE OF IT
I HAD VISITED THE SCHOOL LAST WEEK, BUT I DIDN'T FEEL THE NEED TO MEET WITH BIRDY FOR THIS

ALMOST MORE LIKE A COSIGNER
MR. MEGIUS, YOU'RE REPRESENTING INSTRUCTOR SKELETSO?

BUT THERE WASN'T A PROBLEM WHEN HE WAS HERE
AND HIS KIND OF PRESSURE WOULDN'T WORK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
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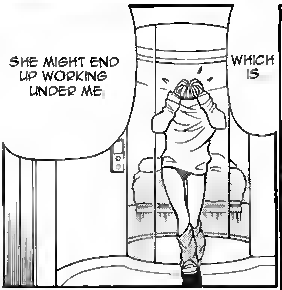
SHE MIGHT END UP WORKING UNDER ME
WHICH IS

IT'S A DIFFERENT SITUATION AN INJUSTICE THAT I CAN'T IGNORE
SO I DECIDED TO ASK A FAVOR OF A FRIEND
BUT, YOU'RE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER

WHAT?
TALENT SUCH AS HERS HAS ALL BUT DRIED UP AROUND HERE

HEY, BUG MAN!
YOU'RE TAKING OVER FOR ME!?
MEGIUS RESIDENCE

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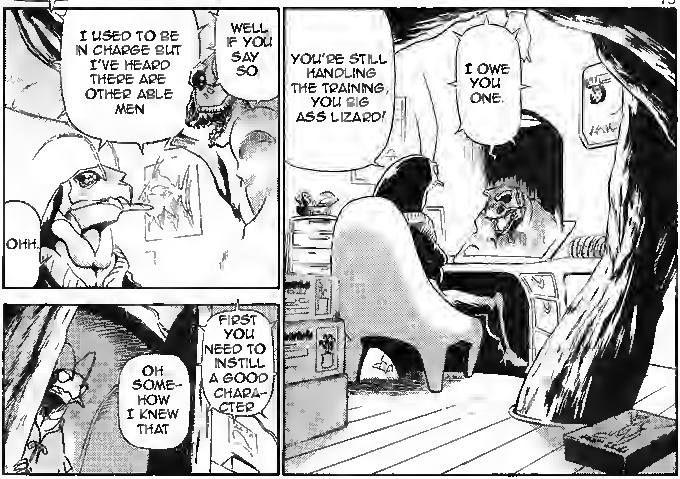
I USED TO BE IN CHARGE BUT I'VE HEARD THERE ARE OTHER ABLE MEN
WELL IF YOU SAY SO
OHH
YOU'RE STILL HANDLING THE TRAINING, YOU BIG ASS LIZARD!
I OWE YOU ONE.
OH SOME-HOW I KNEW THAT
FIRST YOU NEED TO INSTILL A GOOD CHARA-CTER

FOR NOW, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SCHOOL
UNTIL SHE CAN RETURN I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE TUTORING
THAT'S FINE, BUT THE TUTORING ASSISTANCE WILL COME OUT OF YOUR PAY
IT'S UNAVOIDABLE
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL HAVE VIOLIN'S HELP
YOU WILL?
WAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
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THERE CAN'T BE ANY GAP IN HER EDUCATION! NOW ABOUT THE ELEMENTARY SUBJECTS...
WAIT, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

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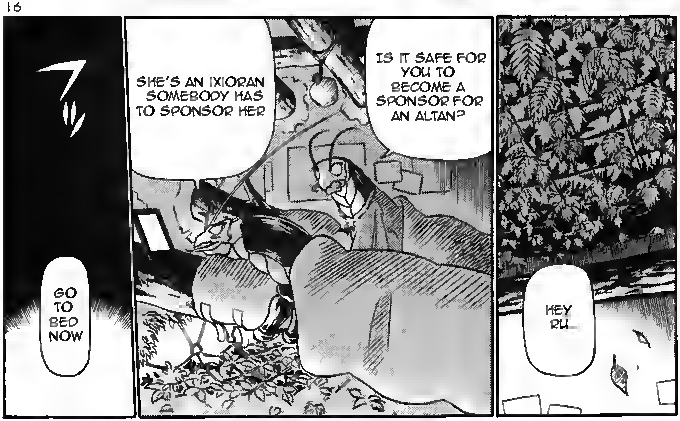
IS IT SAFE FOR YOU TO BECOME A SPONSOR FOR AN ALTAN?
SHE'S AN IXIORAN SOMEBODY HAS TO SPONSOR HER
HEY RU...
GO TO BED NOW

A FEW DAYS LATER...
ORIGINALLY THEY WERE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND NOW THEY HAVE CONGREGATED HERE
THE ALTANS LEFT THE OLD IMPERIAL CITY BECAUSE IT'S EASIER TO LIVE HERE
THE ALTAN RESIDENTIAL QUARTER
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IT'S BETTER TO STUDY IN THE FIELD.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HERE ON A SCHOOL TRIP.

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